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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiroshi SUZUKI et al.
Serial No.: 10/790,140
Filed: March 2, 2004
For: DISK ARRAY DEVICE AND METHOD OF CHANGING THE
CONFIGURATION OF THE DISK
Group: 2182
Examiner: D. Martinez

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 19, 2005

Sir:

The following is in response to the June 29, 2005 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect without traverse Species I, claims 1-6 covered by the election for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 1-6 is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (1309.43598X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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